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Mechanical engineer technician Henry Sanchez sets up a welding robot last month at the Army Prototype Integration Facility at Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway Township, where the Army does experimental manufacturing. BOB KARP/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Part 2: County businesses help spur growth in sector for state

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Last month, as 11.5 million Americans remained unemployed, manufacturing companies looked in vain for people to fill 600,000 jobs. The problem: They can't find employees who can work their machines.

"The No. 1 point of concern among manufacturers that we visit and assess is the inability to find skilled labor," said Eric Aerts, Morris area account manager for the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program. "There's a tendency to look down on manufacturing jobs, which is a throwback to a time when a person might stand on a production line and just turn a bolt the same way all day long."

But today, he added, modern factories are, by and large, clean, beautiful places where people do interesting work.

"The type of manufacturing that has been sent offshore is that labor-intensive mundane work. The work that's been retained here is typically much more challenging to produce."

Closing the skills gap could do more than help the industry. Some have touted manufacturing as a silver bullet to rebuild the American middle class and the overall economy — the former because the sector pays solid wages, and the latter be-

cause of the sector's much-touted "multiplier effect."

Salaries and multipliers

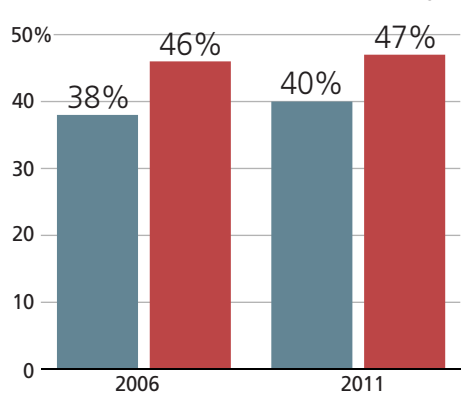
Those who enter manufacturing stand to make good money. In New Jersey, the average wage for chemical manufacturing in 2011 was \$120,400, according to the state Department of Labor and Workforce

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Jose Rodriguez of Newark grinds a finished product to a precision shape for E.P. Heller Co., makers of cutting tools in Madison. BOB KARP/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Percentage of manufacturing employment classified as advanced: 2006 & 2011



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Firm seeks OK from Morris Plains Planning Board

By **Michael Izzo**
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MORRIS PLAINS — Honeywell International Inc. will present an application tonight to enhance a helicopter pad at its future headquarters.

"Honeywell will work closely with the Morris Plains Planning Board to gain approval for enhancements to the existing heli-stop at our soon-to-be new global headquarters building located at 115 Tabor Road," said Robert Ferris, Honeywell's vice president of external communications, in a statement.

"We currently hold the license to operate the heli-stop on the property. With the Planning Board's approval, Honeywell will update and modernize the heli-stop for improved safety and noise abatement. We expect a smooth process and look forward to building a long and healthy relationship with the residents in our new hometown."

Morris Plains Mayor Frank Druetzler said a helicopter pad is already in place at the building from previous property owners.

"When Warner-Lambert owned the site in 1974, they flew five round trips per day," said Druetzler, who is also on the planning board. "Honeywell is asking for a maximum of four round trips per day. That's less than 1974."

The property has since passed through Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson.

Druetzler said Honeywell is planning to build its new helipad farther from residential areas, with a less invasive flight pattern that will enter and exit from directly above Route 53 and follow it to Route 10.

"Honeywell has conformed to all of our requests," said Druetzler, who added that many of the

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ROBERT FERRIS, Honeywell's vice president of external communications

WHAT'S AHEAD THIS WEEK

Get ready to rummage

The Woman's Club of Morristown will hold its annual rummage sale fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday at its headquarters, the Dr. Lewis Condict House, 51 South St. in Morristown. Proceeds support the club's charitable programs and help to maintain the historic Condict House. Items for sale in-

clude clothing, jewelry, housewares, artwork, antiques and Christmas items. Information: www.wcomt.org.

Fair celebrates canal

The annual Canal Day Music and Craft Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Hugh Force Canal Park, 170 W. Central Ave. in Wharton. The festival is an old-time country fair that celebrates the Morris Canal and its contributions to the development of the communities along its banks. The event features music perfor-

mances, kayak and mule-drawn boat rides, arts and crafts show, zoo, fireworks and more. Information: canalday.org.

Charity run for cancer

The Long Valley Village Association on Sunday is hosting its fourth annual Columbia Trail Tromp, a memorial for the late Bill Harrington, to raise money for pancreatic cancer research and patient support services. The race will start at 7 a.m. the Somerset Hills Bank before heading through Califon, finishing in High Bridge and heading

back to Long Valley. Information: www.thetromp.com.

Poets in the garden

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum will host its 16th annual Poets in the Garden program at 4 p.m. Sunday. Ellen Doré Watson will present her work in the museum's historic gardens. Guests are invited to picnic during the program — bring chairs or blankets. The museum is at 45 Macculloch Ave. in Morristown. Information: www.maccullochhall.org or 973-538-2404, ext. 10.

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